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Progress Report on Storytime Room

The design process for the new Storytime Room has begun. CJMW project architects Emmett Lifsey and Amanda Adams are working with a staff committee comprised of youth services librarian Lorry Risinger, deputy city manager Bonnie Svrcek, city facilities manager Scott Glass, and library director Lynn Dodge to design the 650 sq. ft. space. The dedicated Storytime Room, a gift of St. John's Episcopal Church, in partnership with the Friends of the Library, will be "a little gem," says Dodge. With its location in the side parking lot, it is envisioned as a focal point for the entire Plaza area. The exterior design should be finalized by late spring.

Downtown Branch Library Hours Reduced

New hours of operation for the Downtown Branch Library are:

Monday and Wednesday

9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Friday - closed

This reduction from 40 to 23 hours a week is due to the budgetary decision by the City Administration not to fill the full-time professional position at the Main Library left vacant by the recent death of Ken Morrison [see story at right]. The reduction in hours will allow Branch staff to assist at the Main Library Reference Desk.

According to Lynn Dodge, "With the City facing the possibility of having to cut as many as 30 positions in the FY 2013 budget, the decision was made to not fill the position at this time and to make a final determination after budget discussions are complete."

In Memoriam: Ken Morrison

May 10, 1951 – December 18, 2011

Adult Reference Librarian Ken Morrison passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 18



from a heart attack. A 15-year library employee, Ken was a valued colleague and friend. He was known for his

inquiring mind, encyclopedic knowledge of Lynchburg history, and wry wit. He volunteered with the Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club and was a Master Naturalist. He was also an enthusiastic supporter of his beloved Penn State Nittany Lions. He is survived by his wife, Sally Steel, and golden retriever, Chase, with whom he regularly walked on the Blackwater Creek Trail.

KODIAK SHREDDER at the Main Library

Saturday, April 28, from 10 am to 2 pm

The KODIAK Shredding truck is returning to the Main Library. For a donation to the Friends of \$10 per large bag or box, you can safely dispose of your old financial, tax, and personal papers. For more information, call 455-6310.

Free Computer Classes



Get connected to technology with free computer classes offered at the Main Library from March through May. Each class provides participants with instructional materials and hands-on experience. The classes cover topics such as using the mouse, internet browsing, email accounts, file management, digital photos, online searching, and social networking. Registration for each class is required. Call Elisa Rollins at 455-6318 for details and registration or check the library website for a complete schedule of upcoming classes.

eBooks Now Available through Overdrive

EBooks, audiobooks, music CDs, and videos are now available for both Windows and MAC computers and for mobile devices such as the Kindle, Nook, MP3, iPad/iPod/iPhone, Android, Blackberry and others. The Lynchburg Public Library joined with the libraries of Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell, Pittsylvania and Bedford in the Virginia Piedmont Library2Go consortium to provide electronic materials through Overdrive. This service is proving popular with Lynchburg patrons: during the last six months of 2011, 447 patrons checked out 1,795 items.

Marilyn Martin selects e-materials for LPL's adult collection, focusing mainly on popular titles according to the New York Times best seller list and to patron interest. "For major authors, I try to purchase for release date. If a new title is

available in both hardback and electronic versions, the e-version will be slightly more expensive. There are many 'paperback' titles available also, whose prices are comparable to print. For popular authors, if I am buying print, I try to buy an e-version also," Martin says. Ellen Morgan selects for children and young adults using the same criteria as for their physical collections, although she buys fewer picture books and easy readers since younger readers do not have the same access to electronic devices. Morgan notes that "Pottermore is releasing e-versions of the Harry Potter books and audios to Overdrive at the end of April."

Currently, the biggest problem for both Martin and Morgan is the number of publishers who do not sell electronic versions of their



catalogs. For example, neither Simon & Schuster nor Macmillan sell e-books to libraries and Penguin recently pulled all of its titles from the library market. Harper Collins limits a title's circulation to 26 before requiring that the title be re-purchased.

Patron suggestions for e-purchases are welcome, but please keep in mind that availability is the biggest issue. A request will be purchased if it is available and has a broad appeal. The market for e-books is expanding rapidly. "Libraries and Library patrons must keep reminding publishers that we are their 'best customers'," according to Martin.

Need help with your eReader?



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Need assistance checking out eMaterials from OverDrive, the Library's digital materials database, and transferring them to your computer or mobile device? Step-by-step instructions for iDevices, Kindles, Nooks, and Android

devices are now accessible on the library's website. Just click on the eReader device help link, located under the Overdrive icon on the library's homepage.



Share Your Talents and Collections

Do you have a collection of things that are interesting, special, or just plain odd? The Library would welcome the opportunity to showcase them in the locked glass display case near the Adult Reference Desk. If you, or your non-profit group, have a collection of treasures to display, please come by the Desk. (Non-commercial displays only, please!)

AARP Tax Assistance at both Libraries

Volunteers from the AARP are once again helping citizens electronically file their federal and state income tax returns through April 17. They are at the Main Library on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and at the Downtown Branch Library on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Assistance is provided for free and on a first come, first served basis. [The volunteers will not be at the Library on March 24.]



2011 Tax Forms Available at the Main Library

Federal tax forms and booklets will be available through April 17 just inside the main library's entrance. Copies of Virginia state tax form 760 are available from the Adult Reference Desk for \$0.10 per copy. The Virginia Form 760 Booklet is available to make xerox copies from at the Reference Desk also. (As a cost-saving measure, the State of Virginia Dept. of Taxation no longer distributes paper tax forms through public libraries.)



Donate Part of Your VA Tax Refund to the Friends

Virginia law allows taxpayers to donate all or part of their state income tax refund to one or more qualified organizations. Virginia taxpayers can direct a portion of their 2011 refunds to the Friends. Click on Individuals, then Completing Your Return, then Voluntary Contributions. Scroll down to Public Library Foundations. The Friends' code is 209701.

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Lynchburg, VA 24501

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tues., Thurs.
9:30 am-8:00 pm

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6336

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

Mon. & Wed.
9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tues. & Thurs.
9:30 am-1:00 pm
Friday-closed

BOTH LIBRARIES CLOSED

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day

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Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Library Board	Tuesday, March 13	4 pm	Community Room
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Visitors are always welcome at Board Meetings.



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